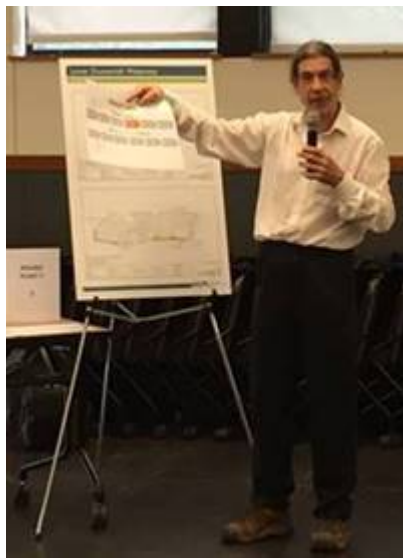


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Hello!

We have some summer updates for you.



Dave Bartus, EPA RCRA Project Coordinator, wants to hear from you about Boeing Plant 2!

Public Comment Period still open on the cleanup plan for Boeing Plant 2

Boeing has provided EPA with their plan, known as the Corrective Measures Study, to complete cleanup at the remaining uplands areas, including final corrective actions for areas where interim measures have been completed or are underway. The Corrective Measures Study considers a number of cleanup methods to complete cleanup of soils and groundwater in the uplands area of the facility. EPA wants your input on Boeing's proposal, as well as EPA's proposed decision for their cleanup plan, also known as a Statement of Basis. We are taking written **comments on the CMS and EPA's proposed corrective actions until Thursday, August 1, 2019**. Please visit the [Boeing Plant 2 RCRA cleanup page](#) for more details on how you can comment on the proposed corrective actions.

Seattle Public Utilities Detects and Responds to PCB Spill in South Seattle Industrial Area

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) are cleaning up after a spill was identified in late June. The spill is in an industrial area adjacent to Denver Ave S, between 1st and 2nd Ave South. Soil samples confirmed the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs. SPU fenced and covered the area and contacted businesses, employees, and contractors who may have worked in the area. SPU is also trying to reach people who may have been living in a recent encampment there. SPU's cleanup is overseen by EPA in close coordination with the Washington Department of Ecology.

Tests have also shown that some PCBs entered a storm drain. SPU and SDOT are proceeding with cleaning affected catch basins and nearby stormwater drains, and removal of contaminated soils. This work is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

The source of the PCBs in the spill area is not known. EPA banned commercial production in the 1970's, but PCBs are still found in some older electrical equipment, like fluorescent light ballasts, transformers and capacitors, and in industrial paints and caulks. PCBs don't break down in the environment and are widespread. They are among the contaminants of concern in the Duwamish and are found at unsafe levels in fish and crabs that live in the Duwamish.

For more information:

- PCB cleanup operations, contact SPU at sabrina.register@seattle.gov or 206.446.8267.
- PCBs and human health, contact Lenford O' Garro at Washington Dept. of Health at lenford.ogarro@doh.wa.gov or 360.236.3376.
- EPA cleanup oversight / PCBs and the environment, contact Dave Bartus at the EPA Dave.Bartus@epa.gov or 206.553.2804.

"Fun to Fish / Toxic to Eat" Website is now live!

The Community Health Advocates with the EPA/Public Health Seattle King County safe seafood consumption program assisted in the design of [Public Health's new program website](#). The website targets fishing families, including children.

On this website, you can find the latest "Go Fishing in King County" Brochure that was co-designed with the fisher CHAs; the brochure is a tool to identify fishing sites that overlays fishing rules with health advisory information. You can also see the CHAs' recipe cards for traditional ethnic fish meals featuring salmon as the healthier LDW fish choice. Digital short stories by the CHAs can be viewed on the website.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/healthy-communities/duwamish-fishing.aspx>

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For other announcements and updates, please visit **EPA's Duwamish Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/epaduamish/>

For information on **Washington Department of Ecology's work** in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Lower-Duwamish-Waterway>.

You can also subscribe to its email listserv for periodic updates on their source control and cleanup work in the Duwamish: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES>

For information on the **Community Advisory Group**, please contact the **Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group** (DRCC/TAG) at: [duwamishcleanup.org](http://duwamishcleanup.org)  
e-mail to: [contact@duwamishcleanup.org](mailto:contact@duwamishcleanup.org), or phone: 206-954-0218.

### **Spill in the waterway?**

If you see signs of a spill in the waterway, please report it by calling 1-800-OILS-911 (Department of Emergency Management 24/7). This helps the appropriate responders assess the situation and respond before it spreads.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Spills/Spill-preparedness-response>

Know your responsibilities if you cause a spill.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Spills-If-you-spill>

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Spills-If-you-spill#cleanup>